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SUMMARY: SADAT CHAIRS FOUR HOUR SESSION OF NSC ON
CREATION OF HIS PARTY BUT LITTLE EMERGES OTHER THAN
CONTINUATION OF "NATIONAL DIALOGUE." TWO SADAT CRITICS
(ONE HAYKAL'S LAWYER) ANNOUNCE INTENTION FOUND YET
ANOTHER PARTY, BUT WITH LITTLE APPARENT HOPE OF ATTRAC-
TING LARGE FOLLOWING. END SUMMARY.

1. NSC. SADAT CHAIRED FOUR HOUR EGYPTIAN NSC MEETING
AUGUST 1 WHICH WAS DEVOTED WHOLLY TO PRESIDENT'S NEW
POLITICAL PARTY. BRIEFING PRESS AFTER SESSION, SPOKES-
MAN SHED LITTLE LIGHT ON SADAT'S INTENTIONS, ASIDE FROM
NOTING THAT "NATIONAL DIALOGUE" WILL CONTINUE, ALBEIT
UNDER NEW NAME. PAPERS CONTINUE STRESS PARTY'S FORMATION
WILL NOT RESULT IN RETURN TO ONE PARTY RULE, BUT
HINTED REFERENDUM LAW WILL BE APPLIED AGAINST WAFDIST
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AND LEFT. FORMATION OF OTHER POLITICAL GROUPINGS
LIKELY BE ENCOURAGED.

2. "NATIONAL FRONT." IN ANTICIPATION OF EASING REGULA-
TIONS GOVERNING ESTABLISHMENT OF NEW PARTIES, MONTAZ
NASSAR (MOHAMED HAYKAL'S LAWYER) AND MOHAMED EL QADI
ANNOUNCED THEIR INTENTION TO FORM PARTY CALLED "NATIONAL

FRONT." TWO INDEPENDENT MP'S CLAIMED OTHER
ASSEMBLY MEMBERS HAVE JOINED AND PARTY PLATFORM DRAFTED.

3. COMMENT: NASSAR HAD BEEN ATTEMPTING CREATE PARTY
THROUGHOUT MOST OF LAST PARLIAMENTARY SESSION, BUT WAS
UNABLE ASSEMBLE REQUISITE 20 MP'S. IF NUMBER REDUCED TO
10, AS ANTICIPATED, HE SHOULD HAVE NO TROUBLE. PARTY
LIKELY BE SOMEWHAT LEFT OF CENTER, BUT NOT MARXIST.
IT DOUBTFUL PARTY, IF ESTABLISHED, WILL ATTRACT
WIDESPREAD SUPPORT. NASSAR AND EL QADI HAVE LITTLE
NATIONAL APPEAL ALTHOUGH BOTH WERE OUTSPOKEN GOVERNMENT
CRITICS ON CORRUPTION ISSUE DURING LAST PARLIAMENTARY
SESSION. EILTS

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